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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION:
ENVIRONMENT

Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Fiji, Guatemala, Malaysia, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Philippines, Samoa, Thailand, Uruguay, Venezuela and Zambia: revised draft resolution

Environment and agricultural policies

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 42/186 of 11 December 1987 on the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond and resolution 44/227 of 22 December 1989 on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187,

Reaffirming its resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989 on the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and its resolution 44/229 of 22 December 1989 on international cooperation in the field of the environment,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/53 of 26 July 1991, on food and agriculture, in which it was recognized that if the challenges of increasing food production and productivity and food security are to be met in developing countries, sustainable agricultural development in all countries should be promoted by new initiatives and sound national policies,

Welcoming the increasing attention being accorded to the relationship between environment and agricultural policies, in particular in the area of trade, and recognizing that market-distorting trade policies adopted by

high-cost agricultural producing countries encourage unsustainable agricultural production,

Noting the Conference on Agriculture and the Environment, held at Hertogenbosch, Netherlands, from 5 to 19 April 1991, organized by the Government of the Netherlands and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and the Den Bosch Declaration and Agenda for Action on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development, 1/

Recalling Trade and Development Board resolution 393 (XXXVIII) of 4 October 1991 on the contribution of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, within its mandate, to sustainable development, 2/

1. Invites the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, at its fourth session, in particular in the context of Agenda 21, to consider the relationship between the environment and agricultural policies, in particular in the area of trade, keeping in mind the importance of meeting the challenges of increasing food production, productivity and food security in developing countries while ensuring sustainable agricultural development;

2. Calls for international cooperative programmes that should be developed and used to support action on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development initiatives in the area of international trade in order to improve market access and ensure the use of market prices, with a view to promoting sound economic growth and sustainable development in all countries, in particular the developing ones, taking into account the interest of the net-food-importing countries;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all members of the international community, intergovernmental organizations and relevant institutions with expertise in the field of sustainable agriculture in order to facilitate an exchange of information on this matter;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to prepare, in close cooperation with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and taking into account the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and other relevant international negotiations, a comprehensive report on the issue indicated in paragraph 1 above, including its technical and quantitative aspects, for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

1/ Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, "Report on FAO/Netherlands Conference on Agriculture and the Environment, Hertogenbosch, Netherlands, 15-19 April 1991" (CL 99/23), appendix A.

2/ See A/46/15 (Vol. II), chap. II, sect. A.

5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session a sub-item entitled "Environment and agricultural policies, in particular in the area of trade" under the item entitled "Development and international economic cooperation".